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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS IN OKINAWA

1. OCT 24 OKINAWA TIMES GAVE HEAVY, FRONT PAGE PLAY WITH PHOTO-
GRAPHS TO THE ARREST OF FIVE FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING ONE U.S. MARINE

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SGT AND TWO PFC'S, WHO WERE SELLING CANNABIS WORTH US \$33,000 IN
NAHA, WHICH THEY HAD IMPORTED FROM THAILAND. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
REPORTEDLY SOLD CANNABIS AT EXPO '75 AND IN THE VICINITY OF U.S.
BASES. USMC CID AND THAI INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY
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ARE COOPERATING IN THE INVESTIGATION.

2. THE OCT 25 RYUKYU SHIMPO REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PRESENTED AT AN ANTI-NARCOTICS, PROSTITUTION, AND VENEREAL DISEASE CONVENTION IN NAHA, NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS IN OKINAWA ACCOUNT FOR 40-45 PERCENT OF VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT JAPAN, ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS IS DROPPING. THE HIGH LEVEL IN OKINAWA WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE PRESENCE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES AND THE UNUSUAL NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS IN OKINAWA. OUT OF 273 DRUG CASES LAST YEAR, 173 WERE RELATED TO HEROIN AND 97 TO CANNABIS, ALTHOUGH HEROIN CASES ARE DECLINING WHILE CANNABIS CASES ARE RISING.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN THAT JAPAN IS A RELATIVELY DRUG-FREE SOCIETY, THESE STORIES POINT UP THE CONTINUING PROBLEM THAT NARCOTICS POSE FOR THE PRESENCE AND THE IMAGE OF U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA.

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